

# "Aogah" Newsletter

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The Newsletter of the Twin Cities Model A Ford Club

October 2023

## Twin Cities Model "A" Club Events

- October 10th. Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code
- October 19th. Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville - Live Swap Meet, Topics are Shock links, MotoMeters See Page 9 For Meeting And Zoom Internet Access Information
- October 29th. Nomination Banquet At Jax's Cafe See Page 10
- November 14th. Business Meeting Via Zoom Internet Platform 7:00 P.M - Contact Jerome Bokelmann For Meeting Invitation Code
- November 16th. Clinic 7:00 P.M. At St. Michaels Church in Roseville Topic To Be Determined
- November 16th. Photo Contest Ends
- ALL DATES : PHOTO CONTEST, RAFFLE TICKETS



Remember when the mail came reliably everyday?

**Clinics will be held at St. Michaels's Lutheran Church located at 1660 County Road B W, Roseville, Mn.**

Clinic doors will open at 6:30 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. Enter at door #2

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**Interested in joining our club?  
We would like you to join. Dues  
are only \$35.00 per year.**

**For all the information about  
what our club has to offer  
please call our membership  
director or see [www.tcmafc.org](http://www.tcmafc.org)**

**Members are recommended to  
also have a membership in the  
Model A Ford Club of America  
or the Model A Restorer's Club.**



**President's Letter**

TCMAFC Presidents Letter

Greetings Club Members

October 2023

We held our first of the season Restoration Clinic at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Rosevell on September 21. It was great to be back and we had a very good turnout. Besides having our swap meet in the parking lot, our topic of the evening is getting your car ready for winter storage. Several good points were made and some of the ideas need to be investigated a bit more to see if there is validity to them... It's all good.

Our clinics depend on presenters with topics. You don't need to be a professional presenter to do this as none of us are. We just like sharing. A newer member approached me about a topic that he was willing to present but needed help getting the materials into PowerPoint or other medium so that it can be presented. I can help you with that! I can take your pictures and text and turn it into a presentation. I also have various cables if you want to use your own device (laptop, tablet, mac, etc.) and we can present it. So WE need YOU! We are all volunteers and not professionals at this so we are all in the same game.

Time to time, our club gets invited to participate in various events that benefit our club. The benefits can include the organization making a donation to the club. These donations help offset some of the costs of running the club like printing newsletters, treats and coffee for our restoration clinics, etc. These donations do add up quickly in our "driving months". A future event that I'd like you to consider is one sponsored by the Hudson Ford Dealership. They will donate \$200 to the club if they get 10 Model A's to show up. The event is October 12 (Thursday). If you can help out, just contact Steve Barnacle or Bob Butek

The club business meetings are running smooth and we usually get through all of the materials needed to be covered in around an hour. It's not a boring meeting as we keep it pretty light and we laugh a lot. If you want to attend one just to check it out, just let me know and I'll send you the zoom meeting information so that you can join in too.

Cheers – Keep the wheels on the road!  
Jerome Bokelmann

## Twin Cities Model A Ford Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:10 P.M. via zoom internet platform.

**Attendance:** Board Members present: President -Jerome Bokelmann, Vice President - Marc Rude, Senior Board - Deb Persing, Treasurer - Doug Portlance, Secretary - Mark Leder. Members present: Jerry Shilling, Phil Zins, Bob and Roberta Butek. Jerome Bokelmann called the meeting to order and conducted the board meeting in accordance with his duties to meet with the board in the monthly scheduled meeting.

**Secretary's report:** The President asked if there were any corrections or additions to the report for the August printed copy of the minutes. A motion was made by Deb Persing to accept the July minutes as printed in the Ahoogah Newsletter in July. The motion was seconded by Doug Portlance and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasures report:**

Doug Portlance presented the treasures report. A paper copy will be retained with the official club notes. A motion was made to accept the treasurers report as presented by Marc Rude and the motion was seconded by Deb Persing, and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Membership Report:**

Our Membership director Roberta Butek reported that there are three new members for consideration for membership, presented as follows: Brian and Sharron Torkelson owners of a 1930 Tudor sedan, Robert and Dora White owners of a 1930 Deluxe coupe and Mike and Jen Bocchino owners of a 1931 Victoria. Mark Leder made a motion to accept the proposed people for membership, Marc Rude seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and it was unanimous to accept them as new members.

**Membership Greeter:** Our official greeter will be given the name of new members to contact. Mr. James Lake contacted our president and informed him last month he spoke with two of the new members and left a message for the other.

**Clinics:** Our Clinics will resume on September 21<sup>st</sup>, our first clinic will have an indoor and outdoor swap meet and we have some content already committed for this year's clinics. Subject of this clinic will be winter storage. We are always looking for presenters, the presentations can be brief subjects, please contact anyone on the board or our clinic coordinators with your content.

**Fashion Clinic:** There is an open position that we would like someone to fill and coordinate activities. If interested contact any board member. It is noted to remove Deb Persings name from the Era Fashion contact in the newsletter.

**Tools:** Coordinator not present but we have heard nothing regarding any attention needed to any of the tools

**Sunshine:** Cindy Pomerleau last month sent two cards out.

**Newsletter:** Our new printer relationship is working as we like it to be. The Photo Contest is open, and the editor urges all members to get your cameras out. Member submissions are readily accepted and encouraged. Recent USPS deliveries to some people have been returned for no reason, unfortunately the reliability of this service is beyond our control.

**Website/Facebook:** Brenden Keilan has been placing content on our sites, we are encouraging our members to check these sites out. You need not be a Facebook member to see the Facebook site as it is a public page. Short discussion to get us all to use Facebook more and urge members to check it out. We discussed the listing of member obituaries on this site, and we have decided to keep them off the site in the future.

**Calendar Of Events:** Marc Rude is still looking for people who want to be placed on a list to be notified of pop-up mini tours or driving events. Currently he has about 18 – 20 people who want to be informed of parade and car events. St Helena Church is looking for parade cars for their September 16<sup>th</sup>. event. We have an event car show at the Hudson WI. Ford dealership and if we can get 10 cars together on October 12<sup>th</sup> there will be some income passed to the club Contact Marc Rude or Steve Barnacle if interested.

**Fundraising Raffle:** We have two raffles starting at the Tune Up Clinic and continuing thru out the year and ending with the drawings made at our year end banquet. One raffle is for four brake drums and rebuilt backing plates, the other is for a rebuilt shift tower for the model year of your choice. Contact Mark Leder if you want some tickets and they will be available at Clinics and Club meeting until the drawing at the end of the year banquet.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

The car the club received from the Tom Wesenberg family has been sold as reported in the last newsletter. The title has been signed and legal paper work is in the hands of our club and we now have the ability now to release the car to its new owner. We are grateful for the all the running around Jerome Bokkelmann has done to get this project done, also Dave Gerold gets our clubs appreciation for the storage and handling that it took to keep the car ready for sale.

#### **New Business:**

End of year nominations banquet locations are being explored by Scott Huberty and some tentative dates he is trying to find a venue for. He is trying to find space on a Saturday afternoon for either October 28<sup>th</sup>, Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>. or Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>. End of the year banquet tentative date is Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

We have a club banner that seems to be missing for the moment, should anyone know the location of it please contact any board member so we can have it returned to the club.

#### **Announcements:it**

Great Northern Tour as of the board meeting date has 18 registrations comprising 32 people. There are more registrations anticipated.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marc Rude, it was seconded by Doug Portlance and the vote was unanimous. Meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Mark Leder, Secretary

### **Think about it**

**The items that you need to keep your A running should be on your shelf, I think that you need to think a head and order before you need something. Recently water pumps, aluminum fans to name a couple items were out of stock from the suppliers. Times have changed.**

**For many years we were very fortunate to have an antique Ford parts dealer in our town. We can no longer run out and pick up that part we need. So now it's jump on the internet or get on your phone and order from out of state. The shipping costs are now an important part of the costs we face. What is even sometimes worse is due to supply issues some things are just not available. It's no secret that their are maybe six? larger players in this parts world who each make certain parts and sell them to their competitors. Each seems to make certain things so it does not make sense for everyone to create special tooling to make the same part. In the last few years sometimes things just are not available and we wait for a parts manufacturing run to be made so we can finally get the item. Some of the one man shops that make these parts are retiring and it seems certain things are not being made.**

**Spread your purchases amongst as many of the suppliers as you can to help them make sales and have the opportunity to stay in business. If someone is slightly higher on an item consider buying from them . We need as many suppliers as possible.**

## Clinics

Back in session with our clinics on the third Thursday of each month

We had the opportunity to have a swap meet in the parking lot under the now, fall fading sunshine. Seemed like more of a social opportunity on this warm evening, a few items were bought and sold but a great opportunity to see our good friends and catch up. Kerry Olson drove his sedan that he has been working and it's coming along nicely. We regrouped inside and our library of books and videos were out on tables for our members to check out. This is a great resource the club provides and there is history and technical information on many subjects. The meeting was streamed for members not able to come to the meeting and that will happen for the future meetings.

We had a number of new members and first time visitors and they were introduced and told us what cars they have and what they would like help with.

We had a presentation on what to consider when storing your car for the winter, it will soon be upon us.

Brad Nelson brought in an interesting copy of a blueprint that he and other members obtained when several years ago they visited the Benson Library which stores the blueprints and historical items on the Model A Ford production and many other Ford items.

Many thanks to Steve Barnacle, Dave Peterson on the work on bringing treats and refreshments, Dale Pomerleau running the clinic, Jerome Bokelmann and Doug Portlance for audio & visual assistance. Ken Huber for bring the library and Jim Schleicher our video librarian.



FOR SALE / WANTED / SERVICES :**TO PLACE YOUR AD: CONTACT NEWSLETTER EDITOR**Mark Leder [mleder22@aol.com](mailto:mleder22@aol.com)

- For Sale:** Rebuilt engines in stock.  
Trade in or bring me yours to re-build. Precision machining and assembly work.  
Call Dave Gerold for options and pricing at (952) 290-3630 or see my website  
[www.durableperformance.net](http://www.durableperformance.net)
- For Sale:** Nice 1930 radiator shell, several good 1931 shells, several exhaust manifolds, box of 1930-31 head light shells and parts (some complete), two complete Model T rear end units with drive shafts ( one with closed spool), and other Model T parts. Darel Leipold. 952 474 5880 [leipold@leipolds.org](mailto:leipold@leipolds.org)
- Wanted:** Front shock assemblies for 29 Tudor Sedan. Contact : Clancy 763-291-8888
- Wanted:** Title for a '30 - '31 Tudor. Contact Butch Warnke 507 - 485 - 3548
- Wanted:** Herbrand Style (Fox Valley & others) Coil & Condenser Tester. Dale Pomerleau  
[dfpomerleau@comcast.net](mailto:dfpomerleau@comcast.net). 763 - 458 - 9880
- For Sale:** N.O.S. standard compression head-magnafluxed, set of new old reproduction stock 1930 running boards with black pyramid matting and stainless steel molding. Each item \$300.00 cash or reasonable offer. Contact Jim Kelly 651-398-4918 or [indymaggie@comcast.net](mailto:indymaggie@comcast.net)
- For Sale:** 2 - 21" whitewalls for sale for \$175, each. Contact Thom Boche- 612-840-4046.
- For Sale:** Rebuildable Model A Ford engine. serial # A809223—Dec 1928. complete except for clutch and transmission. call for details \$500. firm. John Pole @612-810-6811 or [johnfpole@gmail.com](mailto:johnfpole@gmail.com)
- For Sale:** 1929 Model A Blindback. Very nice older restoration, clean interior, runs good, many new parts with receipts and notes. Needs work on brakes and steering for highway use. Also needs frame sag correction. Priced at \$12,000. Email Rod Coleman at [rlcolem@hotmail.com](mailto:rlcolem@hotmail.com) for photos and details. Serious inquiries only.
- Special Sale**  
**One day only** October 21<sup>st</sup>. (9AM- 4PM) John Fenske Model A Sale 138 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE. New Brighton.  
1931 Coupe (driver), Many parts, fresh rebuilt engine, car trailer, tools, air compressor, welder, South Bend lathe, signs, blast cabinet, engine lift, many tools.
- For Sale:** Heated winter garage storage in Chanhassen for Model A. \$425 for season.  
Contact Blair 612-812-6791

- Wanted:** Wanted: Back issues of the AOOGAH NEWS magazines from 1962-1972. Contact Gary Thorin  
612-788-1564 [garythorin@yahoo.com](mailto:garythorin@yahoo.com)
- For Sale:** 1929 Town Sedan for sale. This car was a five year frame off restoration using about 90% original parts. Engine has inserts and a high compression Brumfield head. Car looks and runs great with 3 thousand miles on the car since restoration. This car was judged both at MAFCA and MARC national meets and was one of the top cars at both. Cell phone number 952 -334 - 0347 or 952 - 925 - 1005. Best number to call is the cell. Bruce Remington
- Wanted:** 30 -31 front fenders. Also 30 - 31 rear fenders for coupe/pickup. Rog Anderson 651-457-8820
- For Sale:** Upgrade your Model A to a 6 volt positive ground alternator for \$160. Includes all brackets and bolts to install on your car. I have 4 alternators in stock ready to go. Call Steven Barnacle 952 212 6847
- For Sale:** 5 nice 19" wheels from California, painted vermilion red - \$225.00 Contact Jim Lake 651 - 245 - 1937
- Wanted:** Good original used parts for my 1931 narrow-box CCPU project: locking door handle, 2 roof panels, 2 top and 2 side hood panels, re-buildable distributor, tail gate + more. Call or text Al Malachowski 612-364-3423
- For Sale:** 1931 170-B Deluxe Fordor Sedan (Blindback) Original interior, straight, no rust, runs well. 1929 engine. leak less water pump, alternator, electric gas shutoff. powder coated wheels. Built from January through March of 1931. Asking \$13,500. Steve 218-722-4224
- Wanted :** Non-skid tire-the tire tread that hits the road actually says "NON-SKID". Not looking for a road worthy tire. For display only. Gary Thorin 612-788-1564 [garythorin@yahoo.com](mailto:garythorin@yahoo.com)
- For Sale:** 1930 Tudor sedan. This car runs and drives, it has been in one family for at least 58 years. It needs someone to do a lot of catch up maintenance on it. This would be a good project car at a reasonable price. Contact Lois Held 612 - 990 -5938
- For Sale:** 1931 Standard Coupe, Lombard blue, cloth interior, nicely restored not many miles on engine rebuild by Bruce Remington. Car has rumble seat and some spare parts included. Contact Gerald Aamodt 612 - 322 - 5819
- For Sale:** Early 1930 (oval Speedo) GAS TANK.VG condition. NO RUST. Clean and Primed. \$350. Tom Owens 651-492-4398

**Submission Deadline for advertisements is the 21st. day of the month**

**Do not text information, send via email, USPS or phone conversation**

October MAFFI MinuteModel A Days (Sept 15 & 16, 2023) were a resounding success! The weather was perfect –70 degrees —so all those open Model A cars that came to show themselves off for the theme this year had no trouble with the weather at the museum. In fact, the grounds were full of all types of Model A's driven onto the Gilmore grounds by hobbyists!

The “first start” Model A Coupe took just 43 minutes to start up after being abandoned more than 30 years and being in a flood up to the windshield. This year there were TWO first starts; the second was a truck (AA) and that only took a tad over 10 minutes to start up. There's no shortage of cracker jack mechanics at Model A Days.

The Model A school bus and Stake Bed truck were kept busy carrying passengers around the 90-acre grounds and riders had great fun smiling and waving. For the second year in a row, the Model A Driving school graduated a new batch of Model A drivers, so we can keep those inner tube tires rolling!

And there were lots of new Model A Ford Foundation Inc. red t-shirts and navy hoodies being worn by our loyal museum supporters. If you were there, you would know how much fun was had. If you didn't make it, pencil in your calendar for next year, September 20 & 21, 2024!

Happy motoring,  
Mike DuBreuil  
MAFFI Board of Trustees

## **Feb 29th 2024 Ironman**

**For those that are new to the club , this is a tour (yes in a Model A)**

**This is held every leap year and is a lot of fun! When you consider putting your car away for the winter make provisions to take it out for this afternoon . You will have a memory and a story that many will not be able to top**



**October Clinic :** We will have time for an indoor swap sale at the beginning of the clinic.

We will have a few "Shorts" - Shock link assembly the easy way , Motometers Original or Reproduction and maybe more!

Our Library and Video checkouts will be available and so will veteran members ready to help with questions and suggestions for your projects

Use Zoom Meeting to join this clinic on the Internet

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6172683010?pwd=VEZSeWQxaUV2cGltMDJKVHpqcVIQZz09>

Meeting ID: 617 268 3010 Passcode: Dfb18C

## Raffle Raffle

This year we are running a raffle and it is actually two raffles, you are able to purchase tickets to choose the prize of four cast iron brake drums and get your backing plates rebuilt, donated by Randy Gross of Mel's Model A parts. You can choose to enter our second raffle for your choice of a rebuilt shift tower for the model year of your choice. This is donated by Blaine Maus.

Details: Ticket prices are \$5.00 per ticket or you can purchase the "deal" which is 5 tickets for \$20.00

We will be drawing the winners who need not be present to win at our end of the year banquet

Please support your club by participating in this raffle

## Save the Date: Annual TCMAFC Nominations Banquet

**12:30 – 3:30 PM, Sunday, October 29, 2023**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 29, as members of our Twin Cities Model A Ford Club come together for the annual Nominations Banquet! Enjoy an afternoon of socializing, good food and drink, and the opportunity to consider plans for Club leadership next year! The Nominations Banquet will be extra special this year as we enjoy the history and ambiance of Jax Café in Minneapolis.

The iconic restaurant, located at 1928 University Ave. NE in Minneapolis, is celebrating 90 years of business at this location; how fitting that we are having our banquet at a place that is about as old as the Model A's we drive!

Tickets for the event cost \$25.00 per person. Please contact Scott Huberty no later than Friday, October 20 to reserve your spot. This will help with planning and coordinating. Scott can be reached by phone, text, or email:

Mobile: 612-518-3330

Email: [sahuberty@gmail.com](mailto:sahuberty@gmail.com)



## NEW PHOTO CONTEST FOR 2023

This contest will have two categories. “General” and “Scavenger Hunt” Choose either or both. Each member family may submit a **total** of 6 photos. These must be photos taken in 2023, the contest will end in the month of November. Photos will need to be submitted as a printed item. I cannot accept digital files.

Here is what the contest is about. Photos must have some tie in to Model A Fords, or a club event then these photos can go into the “General Category”

The second “Theme” category will be similar to a scavenger hunt. Because Minnesota is the land of 10,000 lakes the key word is “Lake”. This category will need some tie into the image, word or ?? along with a Model A or club event. This is your chance to show how clever your submission is. Think this thru and make it **special**, wait for that special moment to take the photo or frame the photo to show beauty, humor, nature, etc. at its best or worse. – you choose and make the judges really consider the efforts you took to create this photo. It’s too easy to just pose a Model A in front of a lake on a normal summer day. Make this different!!

**Contest Ends Thursday November 16th. I will need printed photos in hand by that date. This is also the day of our November Clinic should you want to hand them to me then. Now is the time to start looking thru the photos . As always we will have some prizes and many of your friends really like to see the results, please reward me with your photos and show me your Model A world. Mark Leder , Editor**

**Newsletter acceptance and deadlines.** In order to put this newsletter out I need to have articles, ads for sale and general news in my possession by the beginning of the the third week of the month. Consider the 21st. day of the month the cut off. I need to allocate space for known items, certain meetings and club business. Wild card items do come up and I save some space to accommodate them. I would like items sent to me either by mail or e mail. Do not text ads to my phone. Please write your ads out and I can help edit them if needed. Contact me to remove ads that sell. I prefer that any newsletter items come to my personal e mail ( mleder22@aol.com). Please refrain from texting. The club e mail address is used mainly as a one way service to deliver your newsletter and any late breaking club information items we feel you need to have. Since more than one person sends items out via TCMAFC @gmail.com , should you need to contact a person for clarification or assistance your board members, newsletter editor and committee members contacts are listed on the Presidents column page as well as in your membership roster. I appreciate all submissions to the newsletter however in order to give you a quality newsletter I need to have some preparation time to get it all together.



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## National Club Affiliation Information

Members are encouraged to belong to one or both of the National Model A Ford clubs. Benefits of membership include six high quality magazines for the year, ability to place advertisements in each of the publications as well as many technical and historical articles that relate to the hobby and time period of these vehicles. Each of the clubs host national meets, tours and social events. Products and services are reviewed and advertised in the publications and you get a overall view of where the direction of the Model A Ford enthusiasts car hobby is headed. Each club has an on line presence with well executed websites. Contact information for the each of the national clubs are below.



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